

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2007. Reconsideration of the application in light of the accompanying remarks and arguments is respectfully requested.

In the aforesaid action, the Examiner rejected claims based upon US 6,453,356 to Sheard et al. and US 7,206,592 to Gollnick et al. By the present amendment, claims 1 and 7 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 3 and 9 respectively, and new claims 13 and 14 have been added.

Claims 1 and 7 as amended now call for the installation-local unit to comprise a plurality of installation local units, and it is submitted that claims 1 and 7 as amended are not anticipated by Sheard et al. Claims 1 and 7 as amended are drawn to a system, one example of which would be used in an oil field, to gather data from a potentially large number of oil wells or the like, and to transmit that data in a universal format to the additional unit which then translates the data into a format which can be used by an end application. By following this approach, data from wells gathered using various different equipment can nevertheless be integrated into a single source of output, for example a dynagraph chart or the like. It is submitted that this system and method are not at all disclosed in Sheard et al. or any other art of record.

Further, new claims 13 and 14 have been added and these claims specify that the installation local units are oil field installations. It is submitted that this distinction even further highlights the patentability of the present claims over the art of record.

An earnest and thorough effort has been made to respond to all issues raised in the aforesaid action and to place this application in condition for allowance. If, upon considering this response, the Examiner is of the opinion that issues remain which could be

addressed by telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss and resolve same.

This paper is accompanied by an authorization to charge an extension of time fee to a Deposit Account. It is believed that no other fee is due in connection with this paper. If any such fee is due, please charge same to deposit account 02-0184.

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